GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.77 ha (0.32 ha in Compartment No.882 of Buduguntapalli Extn.RF, Compartment No. 883 & 884 of Buduguntapalli RF and Compartment No.885 of Bhagavathammakona RF of Rajampet Range, 0.07 ha in Compartment No. 888 & 889 of Seshachalam Extn.'A' RF & Compartment No.970 of Seshachalam Extn.'B' RF, Rajampet Range and 0.38 ha in Compartment No.836 & 838 of Errokonda Extn.RF and Compartment No.850 of Gandikota RF, Sanipaya Range, Annamayya Division & District) of forest land for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing RoW between Rayachoti-Rajampet, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Vijayawada – Final approval - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 2 **Dated: 20-01-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/4/2023/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dated 10.10.2023.
2)State Govt. Letter No.2405/Section-II/2023/2245143, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 24.11.2023.
3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the RO, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/437471/2023, dated 29.12.2023.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/4/2023-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 12.08.2024.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.2405/Sec.II/2023/2245142, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 24.09.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, online proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/437471/2023, dated 09.12.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.77 ha (0.32 ha in Compartment No.882 of Buduguntapalli Extn.RF, Compartment No. 883 & 884 of Buduguntapalli RF and Compartment No.885 of Bhagavathammakona RF of Rajampet Range, 0.07 ha in Compartment No. 888 & 889 of Seshachalam Extn.'A' RF & Compartment No.970 of Seshachalam Extn.'B' RF, Rajampet Range and 0.38 ha in Compartment No.836 & 838 of Errokonda Extn.RF and Compartment No.850 of Gandikota RF, Sanipaya Range, Annamayya Division & District) of forest land for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing RoW between Rayachoti-Rajampet, to provide 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Vijayawada.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai for according in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has furnished in-principle approval compliance report for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai to accord final approval. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at

Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai for the issuance of final approval, vide in the letter 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded final approval under section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 0.77 ha (0.32 ha in Compartment No.882 of Buduguntapalli Extn.RF, Compartment No. 883 & 884 of Buduguntapalli RF and Compartment No.885 of Bhagavathammakona RF of Rajampet Range, 0.07 ha in Compartment No. 888 & 889 of Seshachalam Extn.'A' RF & Compartment No.970 of Seshachalam Extn.'B' RF, Rajampet Range and 0.38 ha in Compartment No.836 & 838 of Errokonda Extn.RF and Compartment No.850 of Gandikota RF, Sanipaya Range, Annamayya Division & District) of forest land for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing RoW between Rayachoti-Rajampet, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Vijayawada, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.77 ha (0.32 ha in Compartment No.882 of Buduguntapalli Extn.RF, Compartment No. 883 & 884 of Buduguntapalli RF and Compartment No.885 of Bhagavathammakona RF of Rajampet Range, 0.07 ha in Compartment No. 888 & 889 of Seshachalam Extn.'A' RF & Compartment No.970 of Seshachalam Extn.'B' RF, Rajampet Range and 0.38 ha in Compartment No.836 & 838 of Errokonda Extn.RF and Compartment No.850 of Gandikota RF, Sanipaya Range, Annamayya Division & District) of forest land for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing RoW between Rayachoti-Rajampet, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Vijayawada, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions**

Sl.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.4	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.77 ha.**
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.10	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.11	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Forest Department and Sub-Regional Office, Vijayawada by the end of March every year.

1.12	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.13	Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and wildlife.
1.14	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019.

2. **Standard conditions**

Sl.No.	Conditions
2.1	"N/A"

3. **Specific Conditions**

Sl.No.	Conditions
3.1	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain 100 number of seedlings in the degraded forest area identified by State Forest Department towards Compensatory Afforestation as the cost of the User Agency.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER